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Sent: 24 July 2026 23:18
To: DC Admin
Subject: Objection to planning of houses in Birds Edge ref 2025/60/91494/E

I am totally opposed to the proposal for 70 new dwellings in the designated Green Belt of Birds Edge Village.

Reference:2025/60/91494/E

My objections are as follows:

Kirklees Council have described this region as possessing “no exceptional circumstances to justify the removal of this site...from the green belt.”

The local infrastructure in terms of schools, doctors surgeries, dentists will not support the proposed development.

Bus services to the village are infrequent and there is no train service so the increase in homes in Birds Edge will have a seriously detrimental impact on the local roads. This proposal would result in a huge increase to the numbers of vehicles in this small community.

The proposed new houses would ruin the rural nature of the neighbourhood and in a former report Kirklees Council rejected a building proposal on the grounds that it would set a dangerous precedent for further urban development in Birds Edge; citing “significant risk of encroachment” to the east of the site and furthermore that “the site could not be released in isolation”.

This proposal has been submitted prior to the finalised local plan and undermines the plan led system, setting an unacceptable precedent for disregarding current procedures.

Yorkshire Water has acknowledged there is neither the capacity nor the financial resources to support the infrastructure to accommodate an increase in demand in the locality.

There is a Brownfield First policy for new-builds and Kirklees has the capacity for over 7000 properties on existing sites that fall into this category. In this context there is no need or viable justification for building on the fields of this small village.

In summary, I wholeheartedly object to this proposal which will destroy designated Green Belt land.

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